

# COMMUNITY CONNECT

## COMMERCE CENTER TO BREAK GROUND IN 2022

A \$35-million project is expected to bring about 150 new job opportunities into the City of Harrison. The Harrison Commerce Center will include a 534,055 square foot industrial warehouse and distribution center with support offices.

Hillwood, a nationally recognized developer, has obtained an option to purchase 35.763 acres at the corner of Southwest Parkway and Simonson Road. The site has been annexed into the City. The Harrison Planning Commission and City Council have approved zoning changes that will allow the project to break ground early this year.



*Harrison Commerce Center will be built near I-74 and Southwest Parkway.*

Careful design and planning have gone into the placement of the building and providing an effective buffer for the residences to the south. As part of the review process, a Traffic Impact Study has been completed and is being reviewed by both the City's engineer and the Hamilton County Engineers Office. The Harrison Tree Board will have input on landscaping of the site.

## MAYOR NEYER: HARRISON IS MOVING FORWARD

The City will experience positive changes this year with a "can-do" attitude all over town.

In addition to Hillwood's large project, many other meaningful developments will get underway. JTM, Harrison's largest employer with over 600 associates, will undertake a \$50 million expansion to add manufacturing capacity and additional local employment. The City, JobsOhio, HCDC and REDI Cincinnati are helping this project become reality.

You may have already seen the new Starbucks near the I-74 interchange. That is just the beginning of a long list of retail developments expected in 2022. A Michigan developer plans to initiate a 30+ acre commercial development on Harrison Avenue, across from Kroger. "Whitewater Marketplace" will bring a new in-line retail anchor, two Marriott-brand hotels, several sit-down restaurants, and several fast-food establishments.

McDonald's will be rebuilt. We expect a new retailer next to Big Lots, and Red Squirrel restaurant will soon open in that shopping center. We also expect a new restaurateur to redevelop the former farm market building on Stone Drive.

In our historic downtown, Valley House family-oriented restaurant will open at 301 Harrison with a rear outdoor patio; Tuco's Taqueria & Cantina will open at 104 Harrison; a new restaurant is expected on Walnut; and several new stores are expected to locate to the corner of Harrison and Sycamore.

We are very appreciative of all companies large and small that have invested in Harrison, bringing jobs, retail, and restaurants for our residents. Our City administration and City Council will continue striving to make our community the best it can possibly be, this year and well into the future.

-Bill Neyer



*Craftsman Matt Rotert and City Inspector Gordon Wong review plans at Valley House restaurant.*

## HARRISON WELCOMES FOUR NEW EMPLOYEES

The City of Harrison has welcomed four new employees to fill recent vacancies. Kim Downey was named finance director in October 2021. She graduated from Harrison High School and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. Downey is a former state auditor and has significant experience to guide her in overseeing the City's \$21 million budget.

Three new police officers also began working at the City in October.

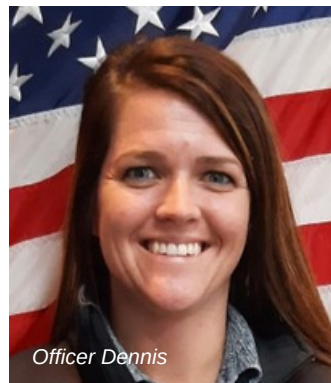
Christopher Brausch previously worked as a police officer for the City of Forest Park and has been a certified Ohio peace officer since 2014. Nicole Dennis was previously employed at the Colerain Township Police Department and has been a certified Ohio peace officer since 2016. Eric Gregory previously worked as a park ranger for Hamilton County Park District. He has been a certified Ohio peace officer since 2005. All three new officers have college degrees.



Kim Downey



Officer Brausch



Officer Dennis



Officer Gregory

## VOTERS CHOOSE TWO NEW CITY COUNCIL REPS

Harrison voters elected two new representatives and re-elected Ryan Grubbs and Mike Mains to City Council at the November election.



Councilwoman Dole



Councilman Wilson

Lexis Dole was appointed to Council earlier in the year and secured her seat for four years during the election. She is a lifelong resident, earned a bachelor's degree and works as an operations manager.

Jerry Wilson was also appointed to Council in December, after winning a seat in the election. He has been a Harrison resident since 1950 and serves as National Vice Commander of the American Legion.

City Council consists of seven members who convene twice per month. For more information, visit [harrisonohio.gov](http://harrisonohio.gov)



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